1: Holmberg--59 (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
116, 561, 856, 304, 886

"Rigidly marked age groupings are not found in Siriono society, although there is a recognition, as in most societies, of the categories of infancy, childhood, adulthood, and old age. Except in the case of the premarital rites for girls, the physiological changes that accompany maturation are little recognized or celebrated by special ceremony. As a mark of adulthood, however, men and women, after they are married and have children, are stabbed in the arms with the dorsal spine of a sting ray, which practice leaves scars that are signs of maturity. As a person grows older, blood-letting is continued—to rejuvenate him by getting rid of his old blood. The society thus seems to recognize that the sharpest break in age occurs between childhood and adulthood. The other transitions are very gradual and are not marked by ceremony."

1: Holmberg--76 [4] (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
116, 856

"Because of the limited time which I spent with the Siriono, I am unable to supply accurate information concerning the age at which such habit patterns as creeping, standing, walking, and talking first appear in children. In all of these respects, however, Siriono infants seem to fall within the normal human range. Parents do little to hasten the maturation process. As habits begin to form, of course, an infant is encouraged to develop them for himself, but if it represents any strain for him to creep, to stand, or to walk, little attempt is made to force him. If, for instance, an infant is lying on the floor near his mother's hammock and wishes to come to her, he is encouraged to do so by creeping or, if old enough, by walking, but if he starts to cry, which is recognized as a sign that it is too difficult for him, the mother gets up from her hammock and picks him up."

5: Radwan--296 T-3 (1928?) 1928 Siriono
116, 177, 609, 856

The children of the Siriono mature early and surprise one by their mental capabilities. Very soon they overcome their inherent shyness before the white visitor. Trust and confidence then glow in their eyes. What a contrast to the dejected ways of those in bondage on the estates of the whites!